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Name in full Andrew Campbell Strachan
Present Address Kenton, Manitoba, Canada
Place of Birth Ormstown P. Que. Canada
Date of Birth Nov 28. 1871
Father's name Charles Strachan
Mother's maiden name Christiana Campbell
College or University University of Manitoba - Canada
Degrees earned in College or University B.A.
Year of Graduation from College or University 1896.
If not a graduate, state briefly educational preparation

Seminary or Seminaries and years studied in each

Three years at San Anselmo

Year of graduation from Seminary 1900

Seminary degrees

Ordained by what Presbytery San Francisco

Date of Ordination Oct. 1900

Married

Dec 25 1902

Wife's maiden name

Margaret Ethel Glen

Date of marriage

Dec 25 1902

Names in full of each child, and date of birth of each, also date of death of any deceased child

Ethel Lois - Nov. 7 1903.

Margaret Evelyn born Dec 2 1910.

Pastorates, or other work, with dates, in chronological order

S.S. Dixon Calif. - 1898 - 1901 as student pastor
Vacaville Calif. - 1901 - 1902

Arceba, Sask. Canada 1902 - 1909

Gladstone, Man. " 1909 - 1924

Manitow, Man. " 1924 - 1928

Honorary degrees received

Kenton, Man. " 1929 -

Ecclesiastical positions held at any time

Convener of Home Mission

Member of orders, clubs, or societies

Com. Synod of Man. two years

Politics

Liberal.

Author--list names of books written, if any, with date of writing

Additional information of importance or interest

(Write on back, if necessary)

I have devoted myself largely to rural work and in addition to pastoral work at Arceba and Gladstone was Home Mission convener for 16 years.

August 14, 1924.

Rev. A. G. Straghan
Manitu, Manitoba, Canada

My dear Mr. Straghan:

I wish to thank you for sending me the Gladstone paper giving me the account of your farewell reception, and your moving to Manitu. This will be quite a change for you. I am so ignorant of the geography of Manitoba that I have no idea of the location of Manitu. If you have time in the midst of your settling to drop me a line I would be glad to know a little more about it, and the character of your new church. As church union has made it necessary for you to leave your Gladstone church, I am taking it for granted that you go to a united church in Manitu.

I presume this will make no difference in your relationship to the Canadian Board of Missions, and that it may still be possible for us to run across each other in Chicago.

Wishing you the utmost success and happiness for yourself and your family in the new parish, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

WHL:K

No. 17

Gladstone, Manitoba, Canada

Oct. 27, 1921.

Rev W. H. Randon
San Angeles,
Calif. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Randon:

I received your letter and gladly grant the request. I shall be delighted, to represent the Seminary at the Manitoba College Jubilee, as best I can, though I can scarcely hope to take the place of its honored President. My law I would like to see you there. I have been for a good many years a member of the College Board.

I have always had in mind a trip back to California and may make it yet. Rev E. E. Armand called to see me the other day and we were saying it would be fine to spend a winter or a year out there, possibly as State Supply some place. I have been twelve years in Gladstone and even at Arcola

You are certainly flourishing and it is good to know that things are so bright for this year in the Sem. You are surely to be congratulated.

We are in hopes that the spiritual tide that has been receding for the past few years is about to return. There are evidences of spiritual revival.

We have just had three weeks special services. The interest and results were very gratifying. A week ago last Sunday I took ninety members into the Church by confession and nine by letter. I call them my "Ninety and Nine". Elsewhere there are many signs of awakening. We are expecting great things from God.

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment and wishing you all good.

I remain ever sincerely yours,
A. C. Strachan

November 17th
1922.

Rev. A. C. Strachan,
Gladstone, Manitoba,
Canada.

My dear Mr. Strachan:

It is something over a year since I received your last letter. I am not sure whether I acknowledged it and properly expressed the gratitude of the Seminary for the service which you rendered at Manitoba College. I certainly intended to do so and think I did. Anyhow we knew that we were represented.

You spoke in your letter of a call from Mr. Annand and of your discussing California together. It would be very pleasant to see you both again. Mr. Annand has intimated that he would not object to returning to California for a pastorate. I have suggested his name in two or three places but it is not easy to make arrangements for one who is so far away and cannot be heard.

We have entered upon another Seminary year very happily. Our attendance is not quite as large as last year. Our enrollment then was unprecedented. We have however the largest attendance we have ever had with the exception of last year. Therefore we think we are making a normal growth. We are just making our plans for a campaign for one million dollars for additional endowment and equipment. We hope to have the publicity work far enough advanced to enter upon the active work of the campaign early in the spring. It is something of an undertaking but our constituency occupies a very large field and our needs and growth certainly warrant us in making the effort.

I was very much pleased with your report of the spiritual progress in your congregation and the large accessions to your church. I hope that the "Ninety and Nine" have proved to be faithful and steady-going members of the flock.

Yours very sincerely,

Ans. June 12

Chadstone Man. Canada

Dec 4 1923

My Dear St. Landow:

I was delighted to get your letter the other day. Indeed I have had it in mind to write you ever since our chance- or providential meeting in Chicago. It was to me a joy beyond what my Scotch nature can well express to find myself so unexpectedly brought again into an hour's sweet fellowship with one I loved and cherished as an old time friend; to review the past; to hear of my old fellow students and learn a little of what the intervening years had brought to each.

I was so glad to hear of your visit with Henry Bass and family. I was one of the family ~~once~~ when I boarded with them and was under God the instrument in bringing Henry into the church. I always keep up connection with them by a letter a year at least at the Xmas time.

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Yes, Mrs Boss has written me of poor Jessie's unhappy experience. I hope her boy may grow up to be a comfort to her. She was an innocent light-hearted girl of about twelve when I was with them. I am sure it would be a great trial to them all. It is good to know they have the consolation of the Christian faith to bear them up.

Well I got safely back from my trip East and have been getting the usual round of Fall & early winter duties done. We had quite a good Synod meeting. The year has been one of great depression in the rural districts, yet our church has done very well. At our anniversary some three weeks ago. I asked the congregation for \$900 to be put on the plate that day - \$400 for some repairs and \$500 for missions. They gave us \$946.

Mrs Strachan is convener or president of the W.M.S. for the presbytery and they seem to be more than up financially. At

is not always the hard years that the Church suffers most. We are now all busy with Christmas practices - rallies and general round up of the year's work.

I have had some little trouble with a cold which owing to a chronic condition in my throat and bronchial tubes causes much irritation. I would like to spend a winter again in sunny California. Some time I may. It would be fine if I had a pastoral supply some place near the colleges. I might help you out by giving the boys some talks on rural conditions and the pastoral duties and services of the church to country congregations. This is a some what-neglected field in all our colleges. The goal of ambition to the average theological student is the city pastorate. yet the church, the state, and most-every other important department of our multiplex life draws the bulk of its leadership from the country. I have many boys now in important city positions. two or three quite prominent leaders in y. prof. work.

I always enjoy the information in the Bulletin regarding the students of the college where they are and what they are doing, but have never sent in any information regarding my own work. Some I suppose would be glad to know. You might write an interesting little story of how our paths have crossed. Once beyond the sea and again in Chicago, and give a little of what I have been busy it: as one of the Canadian sons of the Sem.

After graduating in 1900 I spent a year at Dixon and a year at Vacaville. But the great Canadian West - with its limitless Home Mission field kept calling back to familiar scenes and lines of service in the prairies of the west where I had been brought up and which I knew so well.

I came back in 1904 and settled on the western rim of new settlement in southern Saskatchewan and spent seven years at Arcola. There I had oversight of a large missionary area. When I left ^{after} seven years we had a fine brick church & comfortable manse with a strong self-supporting congregation.

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and the mission area ^{had} become the presbytery of Arcola.

I then received a call to Gladstone in the fall of 1909. We have here a town of about 800 with a good farming district around and one of the best rural charges in the province. I have been here fourteen years this Christmas.

I have served twenty years on the Synodical H.M. Committee and three years on the Assembly's H.M. Committee or Board. This is the great Board of our Canadian Presbyterian Church. It has charge of all the mission work in the Dominion, to the anglosaxon, New Canadian, Indian and also Social Service and Evangelism. In fact the name of our Board is "The Board of H. Missions Social Service and Evangelism". It was returning from the meeting of the Executive of this Board that I met you in Chicago.

When I met you in Edinburgh it was as a delegate from our church to the World's Mission Conference.

I am also on the Board of Manitoba College and had the honor last year, by your request.

at the jubilee celebrations of bringing the greetings of the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Well this has grown to a letter of some proportions. I must now draw to a close. I must offer my sincere congratulations on your continued strength and vigor through the years. You are the only remaining representative of my day on the staff—except Prof. Buck. Long may you live to serve the Master and adorn the college with its growing numbers and influence. I think your total of 96 is simply splendid.

I send my best wishes for your welfare and that of your family, and try to be remembered ever as

Your sincere friend
A. C. Strachan

P.S.

Rev E E Arnold has just been called and inducted to an important charge in Southern Manitoba in the town of Boissevain. I am glad he is now settled in a good charge.

A.C.S.

June 12, 1924.

Rev. A. C. Strachan
Gladstone, Manitoba.

My dear Mr. Strachan:

I was in Chicago the other day, passing through on Presbyterian errands, and was reminded of the very pleasant visit we had last September when we were both passing through on similar errands. I left here on the night of April 24, the night of our Commencement, and went at once to New York to attend the annual meeting of our Board of Christian Education. After the work there was concluded I took a short vacation by the seashore in Atlantic City, and by Lake Champlain with my sister in Burlington, Vermont, and with friends of my first parish in Palmira, New York. Then I went to the meeting of the General Assembly at Grand Rapids, Michigan. I am a regular attendant of the meetings of the Assembly because of the relationship of our Seminary to it. This year, however, I was a commissioner from San Francisco Presbytery.

You have doubtless already had some reports of this meeting. There was a great deal of anxiety as to the outcome. I think, however, the conclusions in the main will result in harmony and progress. The great success of our Board of Foreign Missions had its influence, I think, upon the whole Assembly gathering, and moderated some of the bitterness which might otherwise have been engendered. I was a member of the committee on Bills and Overtures which had the first handling of the hundreds of overtures which came in. Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was also a member of that committee, while the chairman was Dr. Maitland Alexander of Pittsburg.

You probably received the invitation to Commencement and inferred from it that we would have a good time. We had really a great day. Our graduating class was the largest in our history. The weather was comfortable, and everything around San Anselmo beautiful. Everybody seemed to enjoy the chimes. We have been familiar with them here since last September, but this was the first time our large commencement gathering had heard them.

I think I told you when we were together about the sad condition of your old Professor of Theology, Doctor Minton. He has failed steadily, although slowly for several years. For the last six months, he has been a great care. They have had to have two nurses, one for the day, and one for the night. He is now very near the end. We are expecting any moment to be informed that he has gone. We have already made arrangements to have the services in the chapel here at San Anselmo, although they have been living in San Rafael. It seemed appropriate that this service should be held where he did the major part of his work on the coast.

Hoping you will have a good summer, and get a good rest, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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January 21st, 1927.

Rev. A. C. Strachan,
Manitou, Manitoba.

My dear Mr. Strachan,

I wish to thank you for your Christmas card and the kindly words which accompanied it.

I judge from the tone of your letter that you are enjoying your new pastorate at Manitou. As I have no Minutes of the Canadian Church I do not know how your present field compares in size with the former. I presume you have a field to yourself as you did not before.

I am glad you so often turn your face in this direction. I hope you will sometime be able to make California. I remember with a great deal of pleasure our accidental but happy meeting in Chicago. I should like much to repeat it.

Our work is going well in the Seminary. We have a good enrollment and I think are doing fine work. Our professorship of Theology is vacant owing to the sudden death of Dr. Moore last May. It is not an easy place to fill. Dr. Moore had occupied it well for twenty years. We have a very happy temporary arrangement. I cannot predict yet what the Board will do eventually in filling the chair permanently.

Yours with best wishes for a very prosperous
New Year,

WHL:OGS

Manitowish, Man. May 14/28

Dr. W. Landow
San Anselmo
Calif.

Dear Dr. Landow: Your letter telling of the death of Rev Arthur Welton was recd. I thank you for sending word. I thought a great deal of him as a student and kept in touch with him many years by an occasional letter but of late have not heard from him.

I was glad to write his son. I was in Princeton last July and took a look through the college grounds and buildings. I wonder if he was there then.

Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness.

I remain,

Sincerely - yours.

A.C. Strachan

April 18th, 1928.

Rev. A. C. Strachan,
Manitou, Manitoba,
Canada.

My dear Mr. Strachan,

Word has come of the death by Pneumonia on April 5th of your old classmate Rev. Arthur G. Welbon. He passed away, I understand, on his field in Andong, Korea. Mrs. Welbon died several years ago. The four children are scattered in various institutions in the east. The oldest son, Henry, is a Junior in Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. I am wondering if you would not like to send a line to Henry expressive of your sympathy and your former relations with his father. I think it would hearten him. I think these foreign missionaries need our sympathy in their afflictions, especially because at the time of securing an education the families are so widely scattered.

Yours very sincerely,

WHL:GGS

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April 3rd, 1928.

Rev. A. C. Strachan,
Manitou, Manitoba.

My dear Mr. Strachan,

Thank you very much for your subscription card and Money Order for \$10.00 for the Fellowship Fund. It is a help and with others is putting the Fund on a better basis than ever before.

I wish we might meet again as you suggested. It would be pleasant almost anywhere. Whenever you make up your mind to spend a winter in this part of the world, let me know and I will do what I can to find a place.

I find myself very well, thank you, and am, it seems to me, somewhat busier than ever before.

You will receive the new catalog about the time you get this. The Committee of Faculty that edited the catalog put my picture in it without my knowing it. They rather took advantage of me.

With all good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

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(Encl.)

Ans. Apr. 3

Manitou, Man. Mar 22/28

Dear Dr. Landon.

Inclosed is a subscription
to your Travelling Scholarship Fund.
I trust you are keeping fit, and all
going well at the ~~Seminary~~ Seminary.

I was just wondering where next we
might meet. Indeed I would not-
mind if it were in Old Mill Valley.
I would like well to go out for a
winter or a year again, I suppose
one might find some humble sphere
in which to serve, for a season.

All best wishes and kindest
regards.

Very Sincerely,

A. C. Strachan

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Feb. 13/28.

Manitou Manitoba
Canada.

Rev W. Landon D.D.
San Anselmo.
Calif.

Dear Dr. Landon: I have
resigned here and will be
leaving about end of October.
I have some notion of spending
at least part of the winter in
California. I wonder if I
would have a chance of getting
some supply. I was speaking to
a friend last week, Rev James
Hodges who spent 9 months
helping Dr. Guthrie in Tiel-ch.

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San Francisco. There may be some
men who want to visit Palestine or
take a trip. Of course I am not
asking you to make engagements
for me but just for your opinion,
and to let me hear from you. My
wife & daughter will be along too so
we might rent a cabin near the
Sea. and spend part time studying.
It would be very pleasant after
all those years. also to renew
old friendships. I kept in touch
by at least a yearly letter at times
with two families with whom I
boarded. Fergussons of Dixon and
Boss family then at Vacaville
now at Modesto.

I trust you are keeping well
and work flourishing.

Are you still in touch with
things in Portland? Is Mr
Lempstone still in Washington?
Where is Mr Eastman.

All kind regards.

Sincerely,

A. C. Strachan

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Manitowish, Man, Oct. 3/28

Dr. W. H. Oxtoby.

San Anselmo
Calif.

Dear Dr. Oxtoby:

Thanks very much
for your kind letter. Very shortly
after writing Dr. Randone I got the
Bulletin and was grieved to learn
of his passing. I am sure that
it was a sad loss to many
to miss his genial smile,
and kindly greeting. I did
look forward to meeting
him again. Our last
meeting was by chance in

Chicago some five years
ago where we spent a very
pleasant Sunday afternoon
together.

I may see you later—
~~possibly~~ about December
first or there about. We
hope to Auto down if all
goes well.

again thanking you for
your message,

I remain

Very Sincerely

A. C. Strachan